MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Now may I know who is responsible for the delay in calling for additional information. The recommendation was received on 6-11-1929 and the additional information was called for on 17-12-1929?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): So far Government are responsible.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Am I to understand that the Government are of opinion that that is no avoidable delay especially in the case of the appointment of a Judge when all the State is complaining against Laws' Delays?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The proposals were being examined by the Government for some time.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I wish to get a ruling on this point of order, *viz.*, whether the nature of the recommendation by a department to Government in respect of an appointment can be disclosed or not.

PRESIDENT: I rule it cannot.

Appointment of a Commissioner for Laws' Delays.

142. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Laws' Delays Commissioner has been appointed;

(*b*) if so, when; and

(*c*) if not, the cause of the delay?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) above, this does not arise.

(*c*) The appointment of the Commissioner is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know the meaning of this answer: "The appointment of the Commissioner is engaging the attention of Government"?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is quite clear.

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether that means the question of appointment of Commissioner or the choice of the incumbent is engaging the attention of Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of appointing has not to be considered again.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): That is why I wish to know what is meant by that answer. My question was whether the Laws' Delays Commissioner has been appointed; if so, when; and if not, the cause of the delay. The answer is that the appointment of the Commissioner is engaging the attention of Government. That may mean either, whether the Commissioner should be appointed or not, or the choice of an officer. I wish to know what is meant by that answer?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot see what doubt there is.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I suppose I have made myself clear. I wish to know whether the question as to whether the appointment of a Commissioner or the question of the choice of an officer is engaging the attention of the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have answered that in the first part.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): That is, what he has not.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Commissioner has not been appointed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The choice of the officer or whether the officer is necessary or not?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of staff, clerks, etc.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the staff has been fixed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. But there is a provision in the Budget.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I know that fact. I do not want that information from him. I have got the Budget. But I want to know whether anything whatsoever has been done in regard to the fixing of the staff?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are considering the question of nomination.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether during the six months that elapsed after Government got sanction for the money?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Money is to be spent in the course of the year.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Whether anything has been done?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are considering the question.

The Attakulam tank in Vadasseri Pakuti.

143. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Public Works Department removed a 'Surplus escape' from the Attakulam tank, Vadasseri pakuti, near the Putheri Village;

(*b*) if so, the date of removal;

(*c*) whether any breach occurred in the Attakulam in 1104, and if so, the date of the breach;

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